

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please amend paragraph [0016] as follows:

[0016] ¹⁷ Another problem is that the method of US 6,5754,750 assumes a synchronous invocation chain, which is inappropriate for high-performance On-Line Transaction Processing ("OLTP") applications. With a synchronous invocation the client waits for either a reply or a time-out before continuing. The invoked object in turn may become a client of another object, propagating the synchronous call chain. The result can be an extensive synchronous operation, blocking the client processing and requiring long time-outs to be configured in the originating client.